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Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination

Charter of commitments for membership in the No Hate **Parliamentary Alliance**

I undersigned ... taking up the functions of member of the No Hate Parliamentary Alliance,

recalling the Parliamentary Assembly Resolution 1967 (2014) on A strategy to prevent racism and intolerance in Europe and the Committee of Ministers Recommendation (97)20 on Hate speech;

welcoming the campaigning activities of the "No Hate Speech Movement" and acknowledging the importance of the work conducted by the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI);

considering that hate speech and manifestations of racism and intolerance on any grounds are a plight affecting all countries in Europe and all levels of society;

affirming that hate speech and manifestations of intolerance on any grounds are not compatible with the respect of the fundamental values of the Council of Europe and should be condemned;

expressing concern that the economic and financial crisis constitutes fertile grounds for the rise of hate speech, racism and intolerance, which are already present in society;

building upon the principles of the Charter of European political parties for a non-racist society drawn up under the auspices of the EU Consultative Commission on Racism and Xenophobia and encouraging its implementation;

being convinced of the crucial role played by politicians in combating hate speech, racism and intolerance,

by signing this Charter, commit myself to:

- taking open, firm and pro-active stands against racism, hatred and intolerance on any grounds;
- promoting non-discrimination and respect for diversity, as grounded in the European Convention on Human Rights and its Protocols;
- raising awareness against racism and intolerance amongst politicians and civil society, at the national and European levels;
- conducting campaigning activities against racism, hatred and intolerance by all means, including social media, in co-operation with national parliaments, at the national and European levels;
- exchanging information on law and best practice in preventing and combating racism, hatred and intolerance with parliamentarians from other countries;
- supporting and participating in the work of the national committees of the Council of Europe "No Hate Speech Movement".

Date Signature